

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR ZEV YAROSLAVSKY

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In 1964, Dorothy Buffum Chandler was the driving force behind creating a public/private partnership with the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to establish a world-class performing arts complex in downtown Los Angeles, which was eventually realized as The Music Center of Los Angeles County.

With vision and foresight, Mrs. Chandler founded The Blue Ribbon in 1968 to be the premiere women’s support organization of The Music Center. It brought together women from across the County, entrusting the membership with planning and sponsoring The Music Center’s various social, educational and cultural programs to raise the necessary funds in support of The Music Center resident companies.

To take only example, The Blue Ribbon has been instrumental in hosting nearly 1.3 million children in the County through the annual Blue Ribbon Children’s Festival, which was created in 1971 and remains one of California’s longest ongoing free arts education programs. Today, it is only fitting that we take note of The Blue Ribbon’s 45th anniversary to recognize and honor this exceptional group for all its accomplishments.

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YAROSLAVSKY	_____
KNABE	_____
ANTONOVICH	_____
RIDLEY-THOMAS	_____

I, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles hereby proclaim November 21, 2013 as The Day of The Blue Ribbon in the County of Los Angeles, in celebration of the transformation of Los Angeles into a world-renowned international destination for culture and the arts, which is a direct legacy of the work of The Blue Ribbon and its distinguished and far-sighted founding members.

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